(c) what amount is likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) There is no proposal at present to hold Festival of India in any country after the current Festival of India in Germany.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Unutilised IDA and IMF loans

1167. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total unutilised amount of the aid/grant/loan of IDA, IMF and other external agencies including that from lending countries;

(b) what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for the same; and

(d) what steps are taken to redress the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The total unutilised amount of assistance for all external agencies including bilateral donors is Rs. 70746.91 crores in the Government account and Rs. 4412.19 crores in the non-Government account as on 31-7-91.

(b) Of the total unutilised assistance in the Government account multilateral sources like IDA, World Bank etc. accounted for Rs. 33171. 31 crores while bilateral sources accounted for Rs. 37575.60 crores.

(c) Utilisation of external assistance is dependent on the time profile of various projects. Apart from gestation period of externally aided projects, delayed utilisation arises from factors which *inter-alia* include exchange rate fluctuations, inadequate counterpart funding by State Governments, tardy land acquisition procedures and project specific issues.

(d) Implementation delays are addressed through strengthening the counterpart resource support, close monitoring by Ministries with special emphasis on timely procurement action by project authorities and simplification of procedures in respect of release of foreign exchange, tender evaluation etc. In addition, projects are being extensively monitored at different levels including the State Governments.

Abolition of practice of carrying night soil

1168. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to abolish the practice of carrying night soil by citizens over their heads in the country;

(b) whether Government have also provided funds for helping those who are likely to be affected by this decision;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) the amount that is likely to be allocated to the State of Bihar for implementing the decision?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Under the on-going Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Liberation of Scavengers for conversion of the existing dry latrines into water-pour flush latrines and rehabilitation of the liberated scavengers the following amounts have been released to the State Governments since 1980-81:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount released
1	2
1980-81	63.00
1981-82	131.12
1982-83	251.90